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OIP Appeal Number: DOJ-AP-2019-002958  
FOIPA Appeal No.: 1425726-000  
Subject: VILLAGE VOICE

Dear Ms. Best:

This acknowledges your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) remanded appeal has been received by the FBI from the Office of Information and Policy for processing. Below you will find check boxes and informational paragraphs about your request. Please read each one carefully.

- ☒ We have opened your remanded appeal and will inform you of the results in future correspondence.
- ☐ We have converted your NFP into a FOIPA appeal; therefore, the NFP number originally assigned to your request will now appear as the FOIPA appeal number listed above.
- ☐ Your request for a fee waiver is being considered and you will be advised of the decision if fees are applicable.

Please check the status of your FOIPA request at [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) by clicking on **FOIPA Status**. Enter the OIP Appeal Number (ex. 201500123) listed above, **without hyphens**. Status updates are adjusted weekly. The status of newly assigned requests may not be available until the next weekly update. If the FOIPA has been closed the notice will indicate that appropriate correspondence has been mailed to the address on file.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

The FOIPA Appeal Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please reference the FOIPA Appeal Number and OIP Appeal Number in all future correspondence concerning your request.

Sincerely,

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief,  
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Dear Ms. Best:

Please be advised that "unusual circumstances" apply to the processing of your request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B)(iii). "Unusual circumstances" include one or more of the following scenarios:

There is a need to search for and collect records from field offices and/or other offices that are separate from the FBI Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS).

There is a need to search for, collect, and examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records.

There is a need for consultation with another agency or two or more DOJ components.

These "unusual circumstances" will delay our ability to make a determination on your request within 20 days (excluding weekend and legal public holidays). Additionally, the payment of pertinent fees may apply to your request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(viii).

The application of "unusual circumstances" is not a determination of how the FBI will respond to your substantive request, this letter provides notice that these "unusual circumstances" apply to processing and delay the determination of your request. See 5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (a)(6)(A)(viii); (a)(6)(B).

You have the opportunity to reduce the scope of your request; this will accelerate the process and could potentially place your request in a quicker processing queue. This may also reduce search and duplication costs and allow for a more timely receipt of your information. The FBI uses a multi-queue processing system to fairly assign and process new requests. Simple request queue cases (50 pages or less) usually require the least time to process.

Please advise in writing if you would like to discuss reducing the scope of your request. Provide a telephone number, if one is available, where you can be reached between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Mail your response to: **Work Process Unit; Record/Information Dissemination Section; Information Management Division; Federal Bureau of Investigation; 170 Marcel Drive; Winchester, VA 22602.** You may also fax your response to: 540-868-4997, Attention: Work Process Unit.

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You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing [foipaquestions@fbi.gov](mailto:foipaquestions@fbi.gov). If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

David M. Hardy  
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